

REQUEST**FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subject (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
providing for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/711,476
Filing Date	November 13, 2000
Confirmation Number	8353
First Named Inventor	C. Thomas Caskey
Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	J. N. Fredman
Attorney Docket Number	2875.1001-007

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ☐.
- iii. ☐ Other -- ☐.
- b. ☐ Please do not enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
- c. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time - ☐ 4 month(s) with copy
- v. ☐ Other -- ☐.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other -- ☐.

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$ 2250
OR
☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$ ☐ to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 05/13/2004 RHEBRANT 00000031 09711476
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Amendment Fee
- iv. ☐ Other -- ☐.
- b. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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For:

PARALLEL PRIMER EXTENSION APPROACH TO NUCLEIC
ACID SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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* not fewer than 20
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SMALL ENTITY		
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X	\$43	\$
+	\$145	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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+	\$290	\$

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Respectfully submitted,

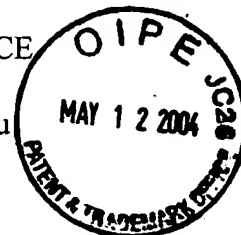
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment and a Request for Continued Examination are being filed in lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal. A Supplemental IDS is also being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time for filing the Brief on Appeal is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: